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COMMERCIAL.

COTTON AND YARN.

Messrs. James F. Hudson and Co., Ltd., in their Weekly Market Report dated November 10 say:—The event of news in the cotton world this week has been the re-opening for unrestricted trading of the Liverpool and the New York cotton markets, except so far that at New York trading in new contracts is to begin for January delivery, and at Liverpool in May/June and onwards, and also that in future no transactions shall be entered into for deliveries more than 15 months ahead. These resumption naturally attracted large attentions on the respective Exchanges, but if any excitement was expected there must have been some disappointment. The opening was very quiet, and prices made very little change and a fair business was done in the raw material. The ground is however rather uncertain, and until the future is more clearly defined, it is hardly likely that many commitments will be entered into. Since Monday the tendency of prices has been downward, and Mid American Spot which stood at 4.56 was reduced yesterday to 4.40 but today is at 4.42.

The cloth market is not in quite the dead state in which it has been since the outbreak of the war, though business is very much restricted. There is enquiry for India on quite an appreciable scale, and a little has been done—China demand is not to the fore, although some fairly large lines have been put down in staples. The general outlook is however considerably brighter and one hopes it is only a question of time, and things will settle down again, which will be helped when confidence is felt that cotton prices are on a reliable basis.

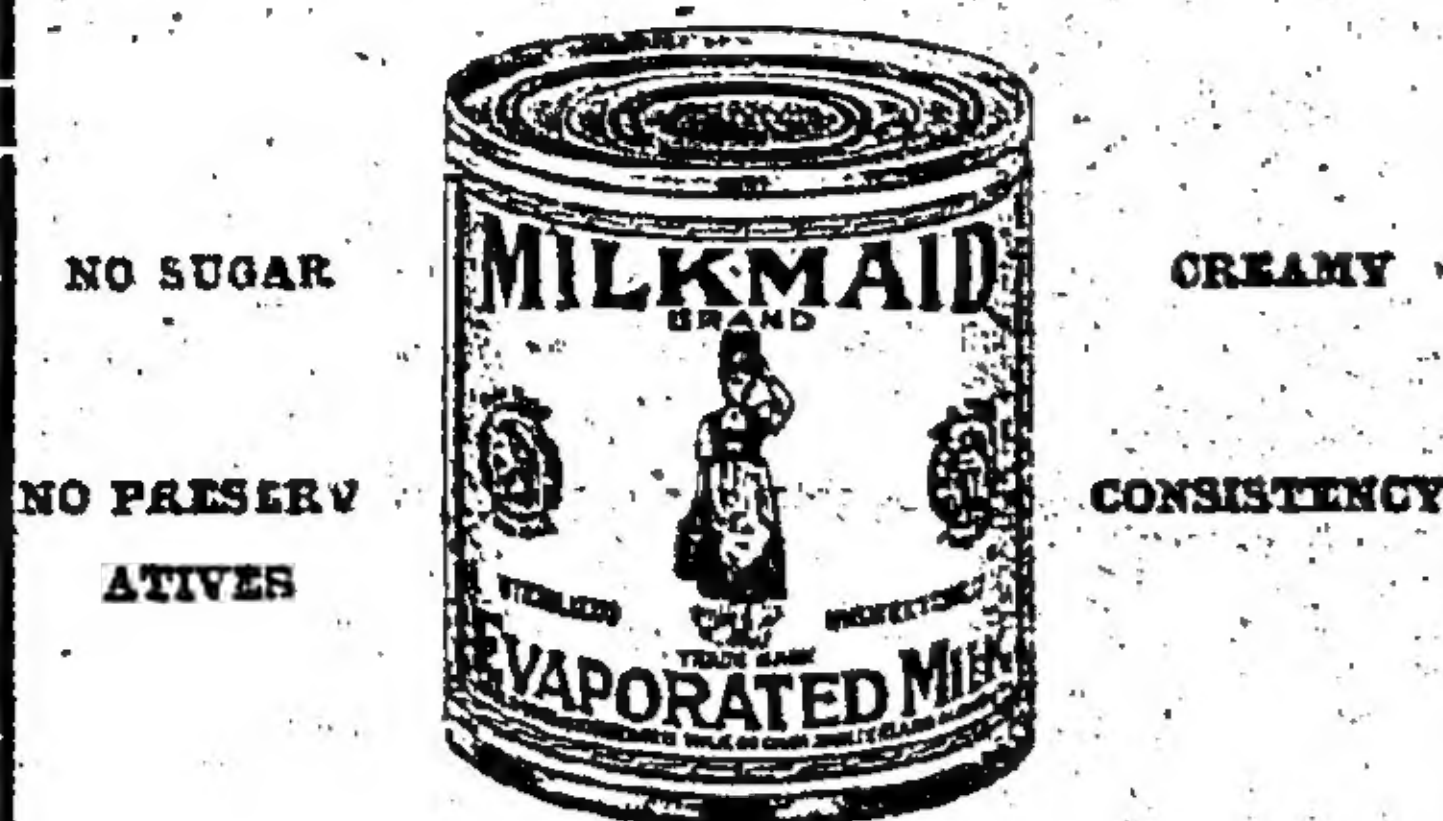
We are not yet resuming our cotton figures as at present they are not of much interest. The present American crop will almost certainly be a big one, possibly one of the largest, as is shown by the fact that on October 21st the gainings were 9,829,000 bales which is about a million ahead of last year and only 142,000 bales behind the recent crop of 1911. The figures for the last fortnight in October were actually larger than in that big crop year and see a record.

THE LATE ADMIRAL CRAVCOCK.

Rear Admiral Sir Christopher George Francis Cravcock, late in his family the Earl of the coast of China, had a long and distinguished career in the Navy, which he entered in 1876. He saw service in the Sudan in 1891, and after previous experience in the Far East, in 1900 he was given command in the Admiralty of the British Naval Force which led the Allies at the storming and capture of the Taku Forts. On this occasion he was noted for promotion for his gallantry, and was given the China medal with clasps. Afterwards in command of the British Naval Brigade, he directed the British, American, Japanese, and Italian forces for the relief of the Tientsin settlement, and again at the subsequent relief of Sir E. Seymour's column at Tsikou. He was also present with the Naval Brigade at the capture of the Peiyang Arsenal, Tientsin. For these actions he received the various medals and clasps, and in 1902 he was appointed a C.B. He was also decorated by the German Emperor. Promoted to flag rank in 1910 for his services in connection with the stranding of the P. and O. *Dohli*, with the Duke and Duchess of Fife and their daughters on board, he was awarded the R.C.V.O. Rear-Admiral Cravcock was well known as a sportsman and an author. His "Sporting Notes in the Far East," "Wrinkles in Seamanship," or, "A Help to Salt Horse," and "Whispers from the Fleet" had remarkable success. "London and China Express."

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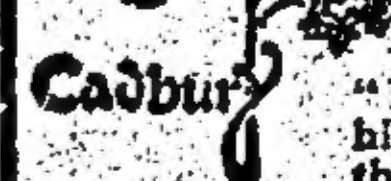
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5	Ma Tin Quarry Lot No. 5	Ma Tin	4.65	1,470
6	Jordan Quarry Lot No. 6	Jordan	2.98	1,300
7	Yam Tin Quarry Lot No. 7	Yam Tin	2.90	960
8	Sal Tin Quarry Lot No. 8	Sal Tin	10.53	1,000
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Lieutenant's Graphic Story.

Lieut. Plard, of the 30th Regiment of
Artillery, attached to the 3rd French
Army Corps, writing under date October
19, to Mr. George A. Mower, managing
director of the Sturtevant Engineering
Company (Limited), Queen Victoria
street, gives some highly interesting
particulars of the splendid French guns:

We have had against us the army of
the Kromprinz, very superior in numbers,
and very well equipped as regards heavy
artillery and aviation. This will explain
to you why, having met this army on the
north of Langouan, we had to re-
treat down to Vincennes, a little to the
north of Bar-le-Duc. During this re-
treat, which was very well conducted,
we inflicted on the enemy enormous
losses. Our 75mm (3 in.) gun has been
quite a marvel, and has worked wonder-
fully, chiefly on the passage of the River
Chiers, passage of the Meuse near Dun,
at Vincennes, at Clermont-en-Artois,
and also at Valenciennes, where one of
our explosive shells dropped on a house
quite close to the one where the Krom-
prinz was taking his luncheon. Our
lowest position to the south was at
Maritz-le-Grand.

At this time the victory of the Marne
took place, to which we indirectly con-
tributed, by holding considerable forces
of the Kromprinz. When we put up our
battery in this last position we received
from the general the order to "resist to
the last extremity," and you know what
this means in military language. In
fact, we did resist very well, without
too much loss, and on September 13 the
retreat of the Germans on the Marne
involved the retreat of the Kromprinz's
army, so that we could again take the
offensive and march forward.

You ask me to report about interesting
episodes, I should very much like to do so,
but you don't seem to realise what
modern war is. It has been said by a
painter that a modern battlefield is sim-
ply an ordinary landscape where nothing
special is to be seen, but clouds of
smoke. It is quite true, but still too
vague. First, there is, properly speak-
ing, no battlefield, because we are fight-
ing from the Northern Sea to the Rhine;
besides, it is not one battle, but a series
of battles, lasting since August 2. The
guns are constantly rumbling, even dur-
ing the night-time.

UNLIMITED HUMAN RESISTANCE.
From August 22 to September 25 we
were unable to undress ourselves; from
time to time we could take off our boots,
but I had to keep my boots on for twenty-
five days and nights. This seems to

show that human resistance is, so to
say, unlimited.

I told you before that it was impos-
sible to see anything. This is an ab-
solute necessity of modern war. Every-
thing that shows is immediately mown
down. It is only possible to progress
slowly by using Indian stratagems, that
is, by taking advantage of every un-
evenness of ground, every screen of
trees, and so forth, so as to avoid being
seen by the enemy; besides, one must
hide oneself from aeroplanes. We are
always trying to place our battery under
trees, and when they do not exist we
fetch from very long distances branches
which we place over the guns and am-
munition so as to give them the ap-
pearance of hedges.

The Germans are sending us shrapnel
75mm diameter, of which I will not
speak, because we consider them with
the greatest contempt; they are, so to
say, harmless. They are also presenting
us with some explosive shells 105mm.
(4 in.), 150mm. (6 in.), and 210mm.
(8 in.) diameter. This last size is the
most terrible, and they have been nick-
named "flower-pots" by the foot sol-
diers and "porridge-pots" by the
artillerymen. The 210mm. shell weighs
about 100 kilos, and is loaded with about
15 lbs. of breaking powder, similar to
our melinite, but not nearly so good. It
is probably cheddite. The 105mm. shell
contains about 800 grammes of the same
powder, and the 150 shell about 5 lbs.

Effects of these heavy shells are
awful when they are dropping on a train
of ammunition. One killed four men,
wounded three, and put sixteen horses
out of service.

Our projectiles, speaking only of the
75mm. are much superior to the German
ones. We are shooting with a bullet-
shaped shell with a distance-limit rocket,
and an exploding shell with melinite.
The first is most efficient against the
infantry in the open country. We have
been moving full sections, which were
progressing by successive rushes. As re-
gards the shell with melinite, it reaches
the ground under a very sharp angle,
so that it rebounds and bursts and mows
down everything in the vicinity. The
German projectiles all say that our little
75mm. gun, 75mm. is "sehr gefährlich."

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three possible contingencies, which are as
follows: If the shell falls directly on the
man it is finished with him, because
he is smashed into pieces, which it is
not always possible to put together. If
the shell drops at a few yards distance
only, you must keep flat a few seconds.
Then you can get up again, being gen-
erally unscathed, because the splinters
and stones are flying over you. In the
third instance, when the shell drops
about twenty-five to thirty yards distant,
you have to use the same flat tactics,
but there is a risk of slight wounds or
contusions, because you are in the zone
of the returning splinters.

DEAF FOR A DAY.

Personally, I had at least a dozen
shells bursting at a distance of less than
five metres; I never got the slightest
scratch. The shell that was the most
uncomfortable to me burst at a distance
of five metres before I could lie down. I was
deaf for the whole day, and totally tired
out, but on the following day I was again
quite alright.

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THE CHILIAN COAST BATTLE.
A German Version.

ARMSTRONG, Nov. 14.

A Berlin official telegram states that a
wireless report from the chief cruiser
squadron regarding the naval battle off
Coronel has been received from North
America.

"On Nov. 1, off Coronel," it says,
"the cruisers Scharenhorst, Gaisensau,
Leipzig, and Dresden met the British
cruisers Good Hope, Monmouth, and
Glasgow, and the auxiliary cruiser
Oriento. During the fight the Nurn-
berg became detached. Fire was opened
at long range, with heavy sea running.
The guns of the enemy's ships were
silenced in fifty-two minutes, and firing
ceased after sunset."

"The German fire caused a great ex-
plosion on board the Good Hope, which
was badly damaged, and disappeared in
the darkness, but in her flight she was
sighted by the Nurnberg, which at once
opened fire on her. The Good Hope then
ceased." The heavy sea and the lack
of boats prevented the Germans from
saving the crew.

"The Glasgow was apparently slightly
damaged, but escaped. The auxiliary
cruiser took to flight after the first hit.
On our side there were no losses, and
only slight damage was done." (Signed
von Bismarck.)—Reuter.

LMA (Date excised by Censor).
The German cruisers Leipzig and Dres-
den arrived at Valparaiso this morning.
The officers state that they did not take
part in the recent naval battle. The
appearance of the vessels certainly bears
out this statement.—"Capital News."

(most dangerous). The same thing can
be said about the 120mm. long gun and
the Rimailho gun, which are firing shells
weighing respectively 25 and 40 kilo-
grammes, whilst the 75mm. gun shell
hardly weighs 6 kilogrammes. The
only thing we regret is not having enough
of these heavy guns, at least with us.

Would you like to have an idea of the
intensity of the firing at certain mo-
ments? As you know, I am the chief
of ammunition supply for the twelve guns
of the group. Consequently my figures
are accurate. In Valenciennes, between 2
and 5 p.m., we have been using 3,400
projectiles. This is about the maximum
consumption that I could state during
such a long period, but during a few
moments the maximum consumption is
still superior, as a 75mm. gun can easily
fire twelve shots within twenty-five se-
conds. Luckily we are only firing when we
see something worth it, and we are
bored, consequently, to stop the fire
from time to time.

As a rule the German losses are very
much higher than ours, and therefore
they must perish.

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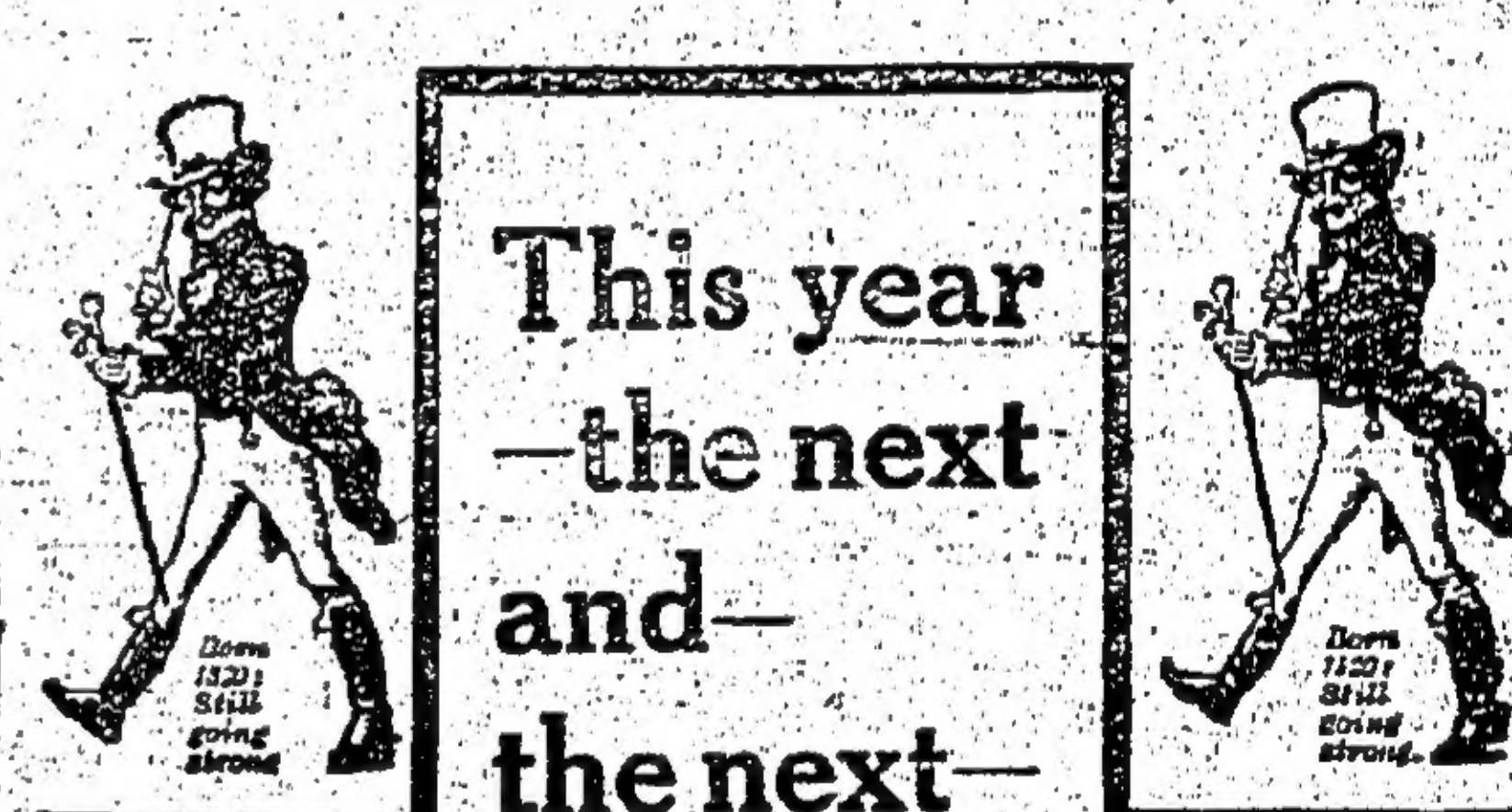
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sighted by the Nurnberg, which at once
opened fire on her. The Good Hope then
ceased." The heavy sea and the lack
of boats prevented the Germans from
saving the crew.

"The Glasgow was apparently slightly
damaged, but escaped. The auxiliary
cruiser took to flight after the first hit.
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only slight damage was done." (Signed
von Bismarck.)—Reuter.

LMA (Date excised by Censor).
The German cruisers Leipzig and Dres-
den arrived at Valparaiso this morning.
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MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

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General Memoranda.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Dec. 25 & 26—
H.K. Cricket Club 'At Home' to United
Services.

FRIDAY, December 25—
Christmas Day.

SATURDAY, December 26—
Boxing Day.

SUNDAY, December 27—
6 a.m.—Excursion to Macao.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, January 1 & 2—
H.K. Cricket Club 'At Home' to 'Rest
of League'.

SATURDAY, January 2—
9.15 p.m.—"Snowwhite and the Frog
Prince" by the A.D.C. at Theatre
Royal, in aid of Belgian Relief Fund.

WEDNESDAY, January 6—
4.30 p.m.—"Snowwhite and the Frog
Prince" by the A.D.C. at Theatre
Royal, in aid of Belgian Relief Fund.

SUNDAY, January 10—
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23, 1914.

AIRCRAFT IN WARFARE.

As this is a subject of very considerable interest, not only because of what has been predicted as likely to happen in a great war, or even regarding what has already taken place, but, more particularly, as to what the near future may hold the result of the introduction of aerial warfare, the possibilities of which are so very considerable, every phase of the subject is worthy of serious consideration. It is a fascinating subject, and therefore we believe it is necessary for us again referring to it. Under the conditions of attack on aircraft there is, we learn, very little possibility of utilizing the whole of the energy of the bullet on impact. Unless the motor mechanism or the pilot or gunner be hit, the character of the structure employed in aircraft is such that the bullet or projectile will pass through with a comparatively insignificant loss of energy and will do little or no damage. With the ordinary military bullet, and more particularly with the spitzer model, nothing less than an encounter with a heavy metal part will cause it to break up. Any non-metallic structural material, such as timber, is bored cleanly through, and if initially designed with a reasonable margin of safety, the resulting injury to it is negligible. The position is similar to that which existed, before the adoption of explosive shell, in the attack on the wooden ship, by the artillery or cannon of a century ago. At close quarters the cannon ball would go clean through, often with comparatively little injury. It is said that Napoleon, observing this in the case, himself expressed the opinion that explosive shell (a then well-known expedient in siege operations) could be used in naval warfare with advantage. The situation is considerably more acute in the case of the attack on aircraft by rifle-fire, and so we are led, says Mr. F. W. Lancaster in his admirable series of articles in Engineering, to consider the possibilities of the explosive or expanding bullet, ignoring, for the purpose of discussion, the existence of the Declaration of St. Petersburg. The simplest form of explosive bullet, and one of the most effective, is that devised by Mr. Motford about the middle of the last century; this, as applied to an Enfield bullet of the period 1850. An explosive charge is inserted in the fore part of the bullet, and consists of equal parts of sulphur and chlorate of potash, this mixture acting both as detonator and "burst". The hollow-ended form, or "drilled-up" bullet, has the incidental advantage (that it alone will determine the expansion of the bullet on impact, quite apart from the action of the explosive charge. Another good form to take as the basis of an explosive bullet is the capped bullet, as used in sporting rifles; the space inside the cap being conveniently filled with mixture to Motford's specification. It is difficult, however, the cavity be arranged, to devote more than about one-eighth or one-seventh of the

volume of the bullet to receive the charge, and consequently, in view of the relatively low density of the explosive (about 1.8 in the case in point), the weight of the burster cannot be more than some 2 or 3 per cent of the total. Taking the figure for cordite as representing the energy of the burster explosive, this means, in the case of the Service rifle, about 5 or 6 grains or 1300 ft.-lb. energy. But the efficiency of the burster is not likely to be higher than that which we associate with the main charge—it is at some advantage, inasmuch as there is no confined barrel to the walls of which heat is lost, but it is at a serious disadvantage, in that the explosion is not with any certainty confined to its work. It is doubtful whether of the 1300 ft.-lb. total more than 300 ft.-lb. on an average will be usefully expended.

A CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

At the Magistrate's today before Mr. Macdonald, a Chinese was charged on remand with assaulting Sybil Joseph, with attempt to rob at 14, Queen's Road East.

Inspector Gordon prosecuted and, outlining the case, said that complainant was lying on a sofa last Saturday morning when two Chinese entered her house and gagged her. One of the men went into a back room where complainant could not see what happened. Defendant was arrested by a money changer at the bottom of the stairs leading to complainant's apartment.

Complainant described how the defendant, carrying a cloth neatly wrapped, came up behind her and tied the cloth over her mouth. As she was struggling and attempting to stand, another man came and pressed her down. She also received two heavy blows on the chest. Her watch returned after shopping and paid the alarm.

The man, in his evidence, said that he was half way on the stairs when he saw a man coming down but he was not the defendant. When she got upstairs, she saw her mistress lying helpless on the sofa. She returned and ran down stairs. Defendant, who came down after there was a commotion, was caught by a money changer and his appearance.

After hearing evidence of the arrest, Mr. Macdonald committed the defendant for trial.

Before Mr. Macdonald at the Magistrate's today morning, a Chinese was charged by Inspector Gordon with being in possession of 1,120 counterfeit Hongkong ten cent pieces and 25 counterfeit 20 cent pieces.

Defendant said that he obtained the coins in Macao and did not know that they were bad.

Inspector Gordon said the Police had information a week ago that defendant was passing false coin and they had been looking for him since.

The Court shrewdly said the imitation ten cent pieces were very good counterfeit but that the 20 cent pieces were of inferior quality.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour and four hours' stocks on the first charge and fined \$250 or two months' on the second charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

In consequence of the war, the usual annual dinner of the China Association, originally fixed for 1914, was cancelled by the committee of the Association. Several members sent the amount of their tickets to the Secretary, and with each time it was decided to forward some comfort for the men at the front. Consequently 900 lbs. of tinned and 270,000 cigarettes have been despatched.

JUDGMENT IN CRAGO NOBLE CASE.

Mr. Justice Eames gave his decision yesterday, saying that "Strait Times" of the 12th inst., in the case in which Mr. J. M. Crago caught to establish the terms of an agreement made in 1909 with Dr. J. W. Noble, of Hongkong, a right to practice as a dental surgeon in Singapore. His Lordship in his judgment said that the clause in the agreement relating to the area from which plaintiff should be barred was too wide and therefore unreasonable. He referred to judgments by Lord Macdonald and Mr. Justice Sargant regarding the restriction which should be put upon plaintiff by the defendant. He held, for instance, that the agreement was reasonable so far as it concerned Hongkong. With regard to Singapore, also, he did not think it was unreasonable or injurious to plaintiff and he therefore found that plaintiff was not entitled to practice in Singapore. Judgment would be for defendant, with costs.

The steamer Haddon Hall, which went ashore during a typhoon on a reef off the Okinawa Group on July 25 while on her way from England to Japan to be handed over to her Japanese buyers, was successfully refloated by a Yokohama Salvage Association and towed into Nagasaki by the salvage steamer Arima Maru on December 7. The vessel will be docked at the Mitsui Dock there for examination and repairs.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Chinese celebrated the festival of the Winter Solstice—Tung Chih, to-day.

The port was closed yesterday morning by the authorities owing to fog, and several steamers, including the Canton and Macao boats, were held up for several hours.

About 6 o'clock last night an overhead tram wire broke in Des Voeux Road Central. Traffic was suspended for nearly half an hour. No one was injured by the live wire.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. have sent us two packs of playing cards and two bridge tablets advertising their famous "Watson's E" Whisky and Pyrex—a splendid blend.

A shopkeeper, of 34 Stanley Street, has reported to the Police that during the night of the 23rd, some person entered his house through an open door and stole a gold watch and other articles to the total value of \$12.

Mr. W. J. May, of the Hongkong Prison Staff, who went home on leave on May 15, rejoined the Middlesex Regiment, in which he formerly served, and was killed in action on October 12. He had been on the prison staff here about five years.

The new Tyn-built Clan Line steamer Cinn Ross has just been delivered to her owners, after a successful trial run at sea. The Clan Ross is a first-class cargo liner, and has been built with a cruiser stern, her leading dimensions being 445ft. by 64ft. by 32ft.

The Police are searching for Chan Shun, a former partner with Ho Kan, shopkeeper at 160 Des Voeux Road West, who disappeared from the shop about the 22nd inst. and is supposed to have stolen \$130 in money. Chan Shun is also alleged to have obtained from a money-changer at 231 Queen's Road West the sum of \$200 by means of a trick.

Two firemen's coats were asphyxiated on board the I.O. steamer Hangsang while the vessel was being fumigated at the Lower Hongkong Wharf on December 11. The men are believed to have come on board in a state of intoxication and to have made their way into the cabins unobserved by the rest of the crew and were not discovered until the rooms were opened up on the following day.

A Chinese, who was returning home after many years in Australia, was charged before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's this morning with being in possession of a quantity of ammunition. He admitted the charge and was fined \$50. Another Chinese was found to be in possession of a pistol and 200 rounds of ammunition. He was fined \$250. When questioned as to what was in his basket he said "Nothing."

There has been quite a large number of officers and engineers enlisted for the fleet of the Indo China S. N. Co. The list includes Messrs. W. McNair, second officer, Hangsang, H. G. Foster, superintending second officer, Hangsang, Bateman, chief officer, Onsang, Hall, second officer, Onsang, W. Wilson, second officer, K'ong-sang, and McLean, third engineer, Cheong-shing. The men have been granted leave in all cases and have been assured that the time they spend at the front will be counted by the company for seniority pay. Their shipmates who remain behind will join us in wishing them luck and a safe return from the trenches in Germany.

Before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's this morning, an American Marine named Charles Austin was charged with being drunk and incapable in Queen's Road. An Indian constable made the arrest. Defendant was staggering about the road in a drunken state.

Inspector Fenton said the man was illegally drunk. He was brought to the station in a chair and had to be carried from the charge room to the cell. He said that he could not walk.

Defendant said that he had been alone and would have got into a tiff with a girl in the Seamen's Institute where he had already paid for a bed. He knew he must have gone to the Police Station in a chair; he certainly could not have walked that distance. If he had not been intercepted he would have gone straight home.

Mr. Wood, in sentencing, said he did not think the Indian constable would have interfered with him unless he had been compelled.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. C. E. Ganss, United States Vice Consul at Shanghai, is going to the States on six months' leave on January 1.

An engagement is announced between Captain Fitzroy A. B. Johnston, of the 101st Grenadiers, I.A., and Miss Abba H. Veitch, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and Mrs. Veitch, of Maison Delacour, Cannes. The marriage will take place shortly at Bangalore.

News of the death at the front of the Rev. Foster Peggs, who went home last year after serving for a period as Chaplain to the Forces, has been received with great regret in Hongkong. Mr. Peggs was very much liked by the Garrison to whom he ministered and formed many sincere friendships in the Colony. A keen sportsman, he took a great interest in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club and its competitions. Mr. Foster Peggs, who was probably little more than thirty years old, married shortly after he went home.

TO BOMB GENERAL LUNG

A PRISONER'S ADMISSION.

Interesting Point of Law Argued.

Sir William Ross Davies, K.C. (Chief Justice), and Mr. Justice Gumpert, sat in the Full Court this morning to hear the case in which a Chinese named Chan Hui Yuk was found guilty by a jury of being in unlawful possession of a half a pound of dynamite and five detonators, under such circumstances as to give rise to reasonable suspicion that he did not have the explosives in his possession for a lawful purpose.

The jury was asked for a special verdict and found as a fact that prisoner was passing through the Colony with the explosives in his possession with the object of finding some person to make it into a bomb and throw it at Lung Chai Kwong, Governor-General of Canton, wherever he might be.

The Attorney-General prosecuted, on the instructions of the Crown Solicitor, and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (assisted by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, of the military authorities), defended.

Hon. Mr. Pollock submitted that under the section upon which the prosecution relied it was not sufficient to prove merely that prisoner was in possession of the explosive but it had to be shown that the circumstances of possession were such as to give rise to reasonable suspicion that possession was not for a lawful object. This was one offence, and the two clauses of the section could not be separated to make two offences. Both the possession and the circumstances were necessary to the offence.

The Chief Justice, pursuing the section, said it appeared to be as Mr. Pollock said.

Mr. Pollock said he should explain to the Chief Justice, who was not present at the trial that prisoner when arrested with the explosives in his possession, was about to board a steamer which was leaving for Macao. The prisoner's own statement as to what he was going to do with the explosive was what the prosecution really relied on, and he thought their Lordships would agree that apart from this statement by prisoner there was no evidence of lawful intent.

The Puisse Judge expressed agreement. The Attorney-General did not admit that this was the only suspicious circumstance.

Mr. Pollock further said that taking prisoner's statement as a whole his object was certainly to compass the death of or grievous hurt to Lung Chai Kwong. This was the object which was not lawful, but his commission was aimed at outside the jurisdiction of this court. His submission was that as the material part of the offence was to be committed outside, the jurisdiction of this court had no jurisdiction.

The Puisse Judge pointed out that Mr. Pollock's contention really amounted to a submission that the offence was not an offence under the law of this Colony. Mr. Pollock, expressing agreement, said the jurisdiction of this court was territorial.

The Chief Justice said he thought conspiracy in Hongkong to commit a crime elsewhere was punishable under statute and common law, and later on mentioned that agitation to stir up or induce persons to commit crime in China was punishable here.

Mr. Pollock said there was no evidence of such intent in this case.

The Chief Justice expressed the opinion that if it was an offence to export explosives from the Colony prisoner's object was unlawful, and asked if it were not so.

Mr. Pollock replied that it was bound by the finding of the jury. The point that he had no permit could not be taken against prisoner now, because the Crown had not proved that he had no permit.

Their Lordships, without calling upon the Attorney-General to reply, held that the court had jurisdiction and that confirmed the conviction.

The Full Court having been adjourned, the Puisse Judge passed sentence of seven years' imprisonment with hard labour.

CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Messrs. Doonell & Co., Ltd., Local Agents of the Kailan Mining Administration, advise that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, Ltd., was to have been held in London on the 21st December 1914 when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1914 was to have been submitted.

RETRACT FROM DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The result of the year's transactions shows a balance to the Credit of Profit and Loss Account of £152,238 made up as follows:

Proportion of Kailan Mining Administration's Profits, less Sundries Expenses	£159,369
Interest	4,384
Agency fees	4,000
Dividend	4,000
Balance brought forward	5,584
Total	£183,238
Expenses in Europe	20,528
Directors' Fees	3,708
Income Tax	9,245
Preliminary Expenses	11,914
Leaving a Net Balance of	£152,238

which the Directors recommended should be appropriated as follows:

Interim Dividend, 5% paid 15th May 1914, absorbed	£20,000
Final Dividend 5% (making 10% for the year)	50,000
Balance carried forward	£2,238
Total	£152,238

SCOTTISH SPORT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, November 10.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Heart of Mid-Lothian maintain their position at the head of the Association League table; Celtic, their nearest rivals, are four points in arrears, each with 33 games played. Falkirk would have been more justly reflected in a four-goal victory, and the "Bairns" ought to thank their goalkeeper, Celtic were easily better than Third Lanark, though the latter made a good show at the attack.

Greenock Morton on lost ground by going down before Ayr United; both teams are playing well, and promise to be in the first lot at the end of the season. Rangers are still experimenting, and not at all to their satisfaction. Queen's Park amateurs are falling behind—small blame to them, with most of their best men under the colours.

SPORT AS USUAL?

For some time public indignation has been rising against the continuance of Association football, and unless we are much mistaken there will shortly be an explosion which will considerably stultify those club managers and proprietors who are showing themselves so intransigent to the national crisis. One circumstance which has caused much unfavourable comment is the misleading report issued by the Scottish Football Association as to the result of a conference they held some time ago with the War Office. The latter stated that "the military authorities, instead of wishing the closure applied to football, rather favoured its continuance."

What the War Office really did say, according to Mr. Tennant, the Under Secretary, was that "No objection is taken by the military authorities to occasional recreation. It is considered, however, that professional football does not come within that category, and that it can only be admitted on grounds of contract or employment. It is much more desirable that professional football players should find employment in His Majesty's Forces than in their old occupation."

With regard to the question of breach of contract, it is considered that this is a time when all should be prepared to make sacrifices. This statement has been brought under the notice of the Scottish Football Association, and they hedged on the question by saying that they must consult the Associations of the other three nations. In fact they wish to delay the discussion until the season is closed by the close of conferences and adjournment. It is a time which, it may be predicted, will not at all blind the public to their want of patriotism, and will certainly hurt the reputation of the game in future.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION.

Hearts, 2; Falkirk, 0.
Queen's Park, 0; Hibernian, 2.
Raith Rovers, 3; Kilmarnock, 0.
Celtic, 1; Third Lanark, 0.
Dumbarton, 1; Rangers, 1.
Hamilton Academical, 3; Aberdeen, 0.
St. Mirren, 2; Dundee, 0.
Ayr United, 2; Greenock Morton, 1.
Partick Thistle, 0; Clyde, 0.
Dundee, 1; Motherwell, 0.

SECOND DIVISION.

Keith, 3; Johnstone, 0.
St. Johnstone, 3; St. Bernard's, 1.
Clydebank, 2; Dundee Hibernian, 3.
Dunfermline Athletic, 2; Vale of Leven, 2.
Albion Rovers, 0; Aberdeen, 0.
ROOY.
Fettes, 16; Loretto, 0.
Edinburgh Academy, 12; Glenalmond, 0.
Dunbar, 5; Watson's, 6.
Glasgow Academy, 9; Glasgow H. S., 0.

PATRIOTIC CANADA.

University Battalion for the Front.

The men of McGill University Montreal, are rivalling the undergraduates of Oxford and Cambridge in practical patriotism. A battalion for service at the front is being organized, and in many other ways the Canadian University man is showing that he intends to do his utmost for the Old Country.

The Graduates Society of the University has issued a useful statement for circulation in Canada. They point out that Canada and the United States could hardly avoid being attacked if the Allies were beaten:

"If Great Britain and her Allies were beaten in this war, Canada would at once have the choice of accepting the protection of the United States, if they would have her, or of becoming a conquered colony of Germany. She would probably be one of the colonies of the United States. The refuge would be only a temporary one, for a German, victorious of everyone through the world, would never permit his authority to be weakened by the existence of a democratic America. The German population of South America and German interests there are already large; a conflict between the United States and a victorious Germany would be certain within a generation."

"Self interest," the statement adds, "no less than sympathy with the Allies, quarrel, and admiration of their fight against the enormous army with which Germany has equipped itself, should convince every Canadian that the power which rules the German people must be destroyed."

NEW GOVERNMENT POSTS.

16,000 Created Since 1906.

According to a White Paper just issued the number of additional posts created in consequence of legislation since 1906 was 15,897, of which 5,187 were established and 10,710 temporary.

Of these 3,314 established and 9,181 temporary had a maximum salary of £150; 2,712 and 1,292 a maximum salary of £200; and 391 and 56 a salary exceeding £200.

Of these, 2,128 established and 9,987 temporary were appointed without competition, and 2,294 and 623 were appointed after competition (open or limited). The appointments without examination include cases of persons promoted or transferred from an existing situation in the public service obtained after competition.

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SPORTING.

CRICKET.

The officers of the United Services will be "At Home" to their friends on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground on Boxing Day. The Band of the 74th Punjab will play during the afternoon and the film and drama of the 26th Punjab will play late on.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

BOXING DAY MATCHES.

Two good Association matches have been arranged for Saturday next at Happy Valley.

At 2.30 the St. Joseph's College team will oppose the Lam Long Wan King Club in a struggle for second division points and, judging from recent displays, spectators will probably be surprised at the degree of resources and football skill shown.

At 4 o'clock, the exhibition match "Army and Navy" v. Rest of Hongkong will come on. The following strong eleven have been selected and, with both sides anxious to come out on top, there should be little difference as to the finish.

Team: Army and Navy: Goal, Moore (R.G.A.); Backs, Fannemore ("Tanner") and McCubbin (R.G.A.); Halves, Wilson ("Triumph"), Martin ("Tanner") and Townsend (R.G.A.); Forwards, Hopper ("Tanner"), Davies (Staff and Department), Mason ("Tanner"), Swan (R.G.A.), and Patterson ("Roxburgh").

Rest of Hongkong: Goal, Swan (Police); J. Clark (Police) and McCubbin (H.K.F.C.); Halves, Gaudier (Police), Stewart (H.S.F.C.) and Long (H.K.F.C.); Forwards, Grimmer (Police), Robinson (H.K.F.C.), Kelly (Police), Stalker (H.K.F.C.) and Pennell (H.K.F.C.).

The Hongkong team will play in white; both matches will be on the ground of the Hongkong F.C., and members of the Club will be admitted free to the match on the condition of their membership cards for the current season only. Ladies will, as usual, be admitted free.

MERCANTILE OFFICERS AND THE NAVY.

In response to certain suggestions made by the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, Mr. Moore, the Secretary of that body, has now received a communication from Admiral Savery, R.N., Director of Transport, to the effect that the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty have, after full consideration, decided that in case of all Officers holding Masters' certificates who are engaged on vessels taken over by the Admiralty and commissioned for service with the Fleet they will be granted temporary Commissions as Sub-Lieutenants, R.N.R., and in the case of the Second Engineers in such vessels they will be given temporary Commissions as Assistant Engineers, R.N.R.

GEN. BARNARDISTON IN TOKIO.

British Officers Decorated by The Emperor.

Tokio, Dec. 14. General Barnardiston and his Staff visited the military schools and arsenal, where a reception was given by the Minister of War and the Chief of the General Staff. In the evening a dinner was held at the British Embassy, the guests including the Foreign Minister and numerous high military officials.

Dec. 15. The Emperor has decorated General Barnardiston with the second, Major Pringle with the fourth, and Captain Moore with the fifth class of the Order of the Rising Sun. The audience at 11.30 a.m. was followed by a luncheon—N.C. Daily News.

The British Press on Japan's Share in the War.

Tokio, Dec. 15.

"The Times" in a leading article says: "Need it be said that the whole British nation and the whole British Empire share the sentiments which Mr. Winston Churchill has expressed to Admiral Yashiro, the Japanese Minister of Marine. We all recognize with admiration and thankfulness the great services of Japan in our common cause. We need not dwell upon the help Japan has given us throughout the war. She answered our appeal as became a chivalrous and honored people; she clearly perceived that this was a world conflict, her moral status was at stake and the justness in the greatest conflict in the history of the world as an equal among equals."

"The War has already begun to exercise far-reaching influences upon the relations of the East and West. Her co-operation in the defence of Australia and Australasia, her susceptibility, must now find its place in the rank of one of the great world Powers."

"The 'Morning Post' says: 'One of the most signal and gratifying effects of the war has been the proof of how well-fitted is the Anglo-Japanese Alliance to stand the stress of events and to satisfy completely the interests as well as the sentiments of the two Island Empires. The honor and welcome given to General Barnardiston in Tokio are deeply appreciated here. Her comradeship in the war has won for Japan an assured and an honored place in the comity of the civilized nations of the West.'"

"The 'Daily Chronicle' remarks that Tokio has given a memorable reception to General Barnardiston and indeed the occasion warranted it. It is true that the credit for the reduction of Tsingtao belongs decisively to the Japanese, but it is the first time since the conclusion of the Alliance that British and Indian troops have fought side by side with Japan. Bonds of interest still unite the Alliance, but sentiment, based upon the warm mutual regard and admiration existing between the two ancient Island Kingdoms, nevertheless has an important part."

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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

MORE GROUND GAINED BY THE ALLIES.

VIOLENT BAYONET FIGHTING.

V. C. FOR LIEUTENANT HOLBROOK.

A WARNING TO MERCHANTMEN

BEWARE OF THE "AYESHA."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, Dec. 22, 12.40 p.m.

With reference to the reports of the picking up of a collier by the "Ayesha," H.E. the Governor (Sir Arthur Young) informs the *Straits Times* that though there is reason to believe that the statement is correct, merchantmen should, however, still be on their guard against the Ayesha, especially in anchoring in unprotected harbours.

The "Ayesha" was the schooner belonging to Governor Ross, in which the landing party of two officers and twenty-four men of the "Endeavour" escaped when the latter was smashed up at the Caves Islands. It is believed that the "Ayesha" has some machine guns on board.—Ed.]

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE V.C. FOR LIEUT.-COMMANDER HOLBROOK.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The *Gazette* announces that the Victoria Cross has been awarded to Lieutenant-Commander Norman Holbrook, for conspicuous victory when in command of Submarine B 11.

[On the 14th inst., the Press Bureau announced that Submarine B 11 (Lieut.-Commander Holbrook) entered the Harland and, despite the difficult currents, dived under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish battleship *Messoudieh*, which was guarding the mine-field. B 11, although pursued by gunfire and torpedo-boats, returned safely. She was submerged on one occasion for nine hours.—Ed.]

ARTILLERY ENGAGEMENTS.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 4.55 p.m.

A communique states that from the river Lys to the Sea only artillery engagements have occurred. We repulsed, between the Lys and the Aisne, a German attack, the enemy attempting to debouch from Courmoy. We captured some houses in the region of Blancy. The enemy's attack on Nametz and neighbouring trenches did not permit our troops to make much progress in this direction. Three German attacks were defeated in the Lihons district, and we also made slight gains to the eastward and westward of Trigny-le Val. Our artillery maintained an effective fire on the Mouhron plateau. There have been artillery engagements also at Rheims and in the Champagne and Artois, while around Souain there was violent bayonet fighting. We made no appreciable progress in this district.

SOME SHARP FIGHTING.

More Ground Gained By The Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 5.25 p.m.

A communique states:—We have carried three German fieldworks, representing a trench front of 1,500 metres, in the vicinity of Perthes le Shurlas. We consolidated our positions gained to the north-east of Beau so Jour, and have occupied all the trenches bordering the bridge of Le Culvire in the Bois de la Grue. Our progress continues at Saint Hubert. We repulsed an attack made upon Bois Bolants, where some ground had been lost by us, and recaptured two thirds of it. Slight progress has also been made between the Argonne and the river Meuse at Vanquois, and our troops northward of Malincourt succeeded in getting past the barbed wire entanglement of the enemy's position, capturing some German trenches where they had hitherto held ground that we lost, and then re-captured at Bois de Consonoye ground that we recently won. The fighting was sharp. Nothing to report elsewhere.

ALLIES ADOPT THE OFFENSIVE.

"Exceedingly Good Progress."

LONDON, Dec. 22, 5.25 a.m.

A Paris telegram says there is excellent authority for the statement that the Allies in the West took a general offensive three or four days ago, profiting by the despatch of German troops to Poland. The Allies have made exceedingly good progress, though the resistance has been more formidable than was expected.

The Dutch papers report that the Germans have evacuated Mid-delork, and that the French have occupied Westende, near Ostend.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

LOST TRENCHES RE-CAPTURED.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 1.10 a.m.

The Paris evening official statement says:—The British made attacks and recaptured this morning most of the lost trenches.

The enemy before Lihons made four successive attacks to recover the trenches which we previously captured. All were repulsed.

We attacked north-west of Puisseleigne, south of Noyon, and gained a footing in the enemy's first line of trenches and advanced in St. Mand Wood.

THE FIGHTING ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

An official communique issued at Petrograd says the adoption of a more restricted front by the Russians is due to the concentration of very great German forces on the Russian front.

BY TELEGRAPH.

OPENING OF THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

France Certain Of Success.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 8.35 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris telegraphs that at the opening of Parliament in the capital M. Viviani, the Premier, made a stirring Ministerial declaration in the Chamber. Reviewing the progress of the war, he said France was in accord with her Allies in that she would not lay down her arms till she had avenged her outraged rights and she had regained for ever her lost provinces, until heroic Belgium had been restored the fullness of her material prosperity and political independence, and until Prussian militarism had been broken, so that there might be reconstructed a regenerated Europe founded upon peace and right.

The Premier emphasised that France was certain of success owing to the heroism of her army, guided by incomparable leaders and also the blue-jackets, with the British commanding the seas, protecting the colonies and enabling the transportation of troops to be carried out in safety. M. Viviani also dwelt upon the splendid financial condition of France.

GERMAN SUPPLY SHIPS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

British warships near the Falkland Islands have captured the new Hamburg-America liners *Baden* and *Santa Isabel*, which were acting as supply ships for the German Fleet.

(Official Telegrams from the British Foreign Office.)

UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND GERMANY.

The percentage of unemployment returned in the United Kingdom at the end of November was 2.9 as compared with 4.4 at the end of October, and 2.0 a year ago. In trades compulsorily insured against unemployment (shipbuilding A) the percentage out of work is well below last year's figures. Last week it was 3.6 as against 4.31 a year ago. In Germany, despite the large number of men called to the colours and the quantity of government work, the percentage of unemployed was more than 10 per cent. as against 2.8 last year.

FOOD PRICES IN GERMANY INCREASING.

The wholesale price of sugar in Germany has risen M.1.50 per double cwt. The price of coal in the Saar District has risen M.1.20 per metric ton. A further rise in prices is feared, and prices are already abnormal.

The *Reichsanzeiger* urges economy of all food stuffs. An urgent appeal has been issued to individuals in Germany to give up all gold for use by the State in exchange for paper.

THANKS FROM THE SULTAN OF EGYPT.

The Sultan of Egypt has addressed a telegram to King George thanking him for his assurance of the co-operation and protection of Great Britain, and expressing his resolution to devote himself to the progress and well-being of his people.

RELIEF FROM AUSTRALASIA FOR BELGIANS.

The people of New Zealand, Queensland and New South Wales have contributed £100,000 for the relief of Belgians in Belgium.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council will be held to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. The following is the Agenda:

1. Financial Minutes. (Nos. 88 to 90.)
2. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 18.)
3. Resolutions:—It is hereby resolved that a sum of Dollars Three hundred and forty-eight thousand eight hundred and sixty-six and Cents ninety-three (\$348,866.03) be advanced out of funds in the custody of the Government for the construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) during the year 1914.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the levy of Estate Duty payable in respect of the estates of deceased persons.

Committee on the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Law relating to "Chinese Passenger Ships" as defined by the Chinese Passenger Ships Act, 1885, and concerning Asiatic Emigrants generally.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

Threatened with Revolvers.

Mr. Hazland this afternoon heard further evidence in the charge against six Chinese of committing an armed robbery at 5, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat.

Mr. F. W. Golding defended the first three defendants and Mr. Preston (of Messrs Johnson Stokes and Master's Office) represented the others.

Defendants were arrested by the Yau-mat Police on information received, and it was alleged by the prosecution that armed with revolvers, they dashed into 5 Shanghai Street when the occupier was saying "good-bye" to a friend at the door.

A folk of the house, giving evidence, stated that he was able to recognise three of the men slightly.

Inspector Gerard remarked that witness definitely identified the first three defendants at the police station.

Continuing his evidence, the folk said the robbers drove the members of the household into the kitchen, while he was crouched with a piece of fire wood and knocked on the head. The robbers threatened them with revolvers and ransacked the house, taking away jewellery and clothing to the value of \$40.

The hearing was again adjourned.

As Montie's will be closed on Boxing Day and in order to meet the great demand for seats, the Hongkong Hotel have kindly undertaken to receive applications that day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the A.I.C. Fortcoming Fair Ball to be given on Saturday, January 2nd and Wednesday, January 6th (Matinee) in aid of the Red Cross Relief Fund.

Arguments in favour of the submission followed and ultimately the case was adjourned sine die for the Magistrate to give a decision.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

WEEKLY REPORTS.

O. C. are requested to send their weekly statement to the Orderly Room not later than noon to-morrow, 24th inst.

PARADES.

There will be no parades on 24th, 26th, 28th and 29th inst.

Parade for Monday, 29th inst. 5 p.m. Musketry instruction on Kennedy Road Range for the following:

Recruits:—Left Section M.G. Co., Plesah; R. Mangham and F. G. Thompson; Civil Service Co. Ptes. Andon, Keyser, D. O. Macdonald, and F. W. Wood; Scouts Company, Ptes. P. S. Dixon, F. Smyth, Jagger Clarke, W. G. Dove, H. L. Deany, and E. G. Stewart. Sergt.-Maj. Colley D.C.L.I. will attend.

5.10 p.m. Centre Section M. G. Co. at Kowloon Dock. Lunch leaves Station Pier at 4.30 p.m.

5.15 p.m. Nos 1 and 2 Sections Artillery and Left Section M. G. Co. 10 p.m. drill at Headquarters.

Remainder, Musketry and Bayonet exercises under Company Officers.

DETAILS.

Orderly Officer to-day and on 24th, 26th, 28th and 29th inst. Lt. Weall.

Orderly Officer on 28th inst. Lieut. Danby.

Orderly Sergeant to-day and on 24th, 26th, 28th and 29th inst. Sergt. Marshall.

Orderly Sergeant on the 28th inst. Corp. R. E. Reed.

To furnish Guard to-night, Civil Service Co.

To furnish Guard to-morrow, No. 1 Section Artillery.

To furnish Guard 25th inst., Right Section M. G. Co.

To furnish Guard 26th inst., Scouts Company.

To furnish Guard 27th inst., Scouts Company.

To furnish Guard 28th inst., Scouts Company.

A TEST CASE.

"Chair, Misery!"

Two chair coolies were charged before Mr. Wood this afternoon with soliciting fares.

The Crown Solicitor prosecuted and intimated that the charge was really a test case. The coolies in question had stood outside the Hongkong Hotel shouting "Chair, Misery," and he submitted that under section 60 this was an offence.

When people on the sidewalk, who were entitled to take chairs, were annoyed by the coolies shouting, the coolies were soliciting and obstructed the free transit of passengers.

Arguments in favour of the submission followed and ultimately the case was adjourned sine die for the Magistrate to give a decision.

MONTH OF BATTLE AT YPRES.

BRITISH INFANTRY WORK.

The Great Defeat of the Prussian Guard.

NORTH-EASTERN FRANCE (Unlabeled, received Nov. 13.)

It appears not to be the case that Ypres has ever been in the hands of the Germans since the battle around the sleepy old Flemish town began thirty-three days ago.

Advanced trenches in the neighbourhood were rushed on Wednesday by the Prussian Guard, but, as has happened before, the Germans paid a frightful price for their success, for the avisted troops and the reserves closed in on them furiously, and after a terrible struggle drove the remnant back to their lines, shattered beyond recognition.

I am informed that the struggle was one of the fiercest of this great battle, and that the Guard, as became a corps d'elite, fought with a courage, perhaps born of despair, which did not fail until more than half their number had fallen. The British line regiments engaged went at their foes with a furious determination.

There has been nothing like it, I am told, since these fifteen hundred men, remnant of 6,000 unconquered British infantry, reached the crest of the hill of Albion. Von Molke once remarked, with some satisfaction, that the long-range rifle would nullify the British soldier's superiority in hand-to-hand fighting. How the Prussian Guard must regret that this supposition, like so many German theories, has proved baseless. Proud, indeed, may be the British regiments whose colours will bear "Ypres" among their battle honours in years to come.

DEADLY SHOOTING.

It must be remembered that this grim work of our troops was carried out after they had been bombarded fiercely for several hours—when, by all the scientific principles of warfare as taught in the German staff colleges they—or what was left of them—should have been demoralised to the point of surrender. Instead, their shooting was as deadly as ever, and their vigour in the ruthless counter-attack beyond praise.

A Belgian staff officer, full of enthusiasm, said to me yesterday: "If we had had a hundred thousand of these men with us at Liege, I believe we might still be holding our frontier on that side."

How long will the Kaiser persist in sending his army in order to reach the Channel? The theory now current in high quarters here is that the most the German generals can hope for on the Eastern front in the immediate future is to stem the Russian advance. The only chance of a tangible success is on this side, and the Most Exalted Supreme War Lord is ready to sacrifice still further scores of thousands of his troops.

In order that he may have something beyond equality-lists to place before the Reichstag on Dec. 2 as the result of 120 days of war.

WALL OF STEEL-TIPPED RIFLES.

Up to the present his big guns, his volunteers, his live troops, and his own Imperial Prussian Guard have all failed to make any serious impression on the thin line of the Allied defence. He has nothing better to pit against this wonderful wall of steel-tipped rifles, which shuts off his view of the white cliffs of perilous Albion. But if he has not quality the Most Exalted unfortunately possesses quantity, and so we may expect the cry, "To Calais," to continue to be the slogan—and the death warrant—of the German hordes for some little time longer.

It suits our plans. In any case there must be no rest for the German armies in the west, and it is less expensive for us to hold back this futile offensive than to be forced by political exigencies to ourselves to attack.

I learn that the Prussian Guard made another attempt to pierce the British line between Ypres and Armentieres on Friday. It failed, like the first.

German prisoners praise the work of our artillery, and especially of the heavy guns. They say it has severely tried the moral of the new troops, and has destroyed several German batteries.

The gale has ceased. Yesterday there was a distinct trace of winter in the air, with a blank, cutting wind.—Central News.

THE BENLAWERS AGROUND.

Accident in the Mist.

The misty weather experienced here for the past two days has caused much inconvenience to shipping. Steamers have been much delayed, and navigation in the vicinity of the island has been rendered difficult, so difficult in fact that the port was closed yesterday forenoon but only one accident has so far been reported.

This was to the British steamer *Benlawers*, (Capt. H. W. Beo) of the Ben Line, which left London on November 1 for Singapore and Hongkong. Heavy seas were experienced on the way up from Singapore, and these gave place to mist and fine rain, which continued all the way to this port.

Monday evening was particularly thick, and at 7 o'clock land was sighted right ahead, an alarm that nothing could be done to prevent the vessel running aground.

Fortunately the impact was comparatively slight, and the vessel came off, but her stem was bent and when she arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon her forepeak was full of water. She will undergo examination and repair here.

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| 1 bottle Victor Clicquot Champagne, | Quart | |
| 1 do Martell's XXX Brandy, | Quart | |
| 2 do Perfection Whisky, | Quart | |
| 2 do Rich Old Port, | Quart | |
| 2 do St. Julien Claret, | Quart | |
| 1 do V. de la Peste Sherry, | Quart | |
| 1 do Peppermint G.F. | Small | |
| 1 do D.O.M. | Small | |
| 1 do Old Tom Gin, | Quart | |
| 1 Phial Pomeranian Bitters. | | |

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| 1 bottle Burgundy, | Quart | |
| 1 do Peppermint, | Small | |
| 1 do D.O.M. | Small | |
| 2 do Rich Old Port, | Quart | |
| 2 do Perfection Whisky, | Quart | |
| 1 do 20 years old Brandy, | Quart | |
| 1 do Amontillado Sherry, | Quart | |
| 2 do Medoc Claret, | Quart | |
| 1 do Old Tom Gin, | Quart | |
| 1 Phial Pomeranian Bitters. | | |

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No. 4 Hamper.

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| 2 bottles Perfection Whisky, | Quart | |
| 2 do Medoc Claret, | Quart | |
| 1 do Port, | Quart | |
| 1 do R. Old Sherry, | Quart | |
| 1 do 20 years Old Brandy, | Quart | |
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SPECIAL RATES given to NAVAL and MILITARY, CIVIL SERVANTS, MISSIONARIES, etc.

ROUND THE WORLD tickets issued in connection with all the principal Mail Lines and the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Passengers may travel by Railway between Ports of Call in Japan free of charge.

SOUTH AMERICA LINE.

via Japan Ports, Honolulu, Hilo, Manzanillo Salina Cruz, Callao, Iquique and Valparaiso.

Thence by Trans Andean Route to Buenos Aires.

Steamer	Displacement	Tons & Speed	Sailing
KIYO MARU	17,200-15 knots	Saturday, 9th January.	

For full particulars as to Passage and Freight apply to O. WURU Acting Agent, KING'S BUILDING (Opposite Blake Pier).

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED.

MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA, via MANILA.

MAIL SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
ALDENHAM	January 2nd	January 29th

THE above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. All State-Rooms have Electric Fans. A daily qualified Doctor and Stewards are carried.

For further particulars, apply GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. Agents.

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TYPHOON MAP & GUIDE

Showing tracks and daily progress of the big Typhoon during the last twenty years.

And enabling one to locate the centre of a Typhoon.

MOUNTED ON CARDBOARD AND TAPED FOR HANGING

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From the CHINA MAIL Office.

SHIPPING

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	YINGCHOW	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Dec. 24, Daylight.
SHANGHAI	LIANGCHOW	Dec. 27, Daylight.
HOIHOW, PARROT & HAIPHONG	HUICHOW	Dec. 27, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	KANCHOW	Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	TAKING	Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER—Twice Weekly.

S.S. 'LINTAN' and S.S. 'HANUL'.

MANILA LINE. Twin Screw Steamers 'Chincha', 'Taming', & 'Tan'. Excellent Saloon accommodation, staterooms. Electric Fans fitted. Extra state-rooms on deck, aft on 'Taming' and 'Tan'.

SHANGHAI LINE. The Twin Screw Steamers 'Anhui', and 'Chonan', and the S.S. 'Kanchow', 'Luchow', and 'Yingchow', having excellent accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon, maintain a fast schedule service between Canton, Hongkong and Shanghai, leaving Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

These Steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Telephone No. 36.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
* KOBE & MOJI	HOPSANG	THURSDAY, Dec. 24, Daylight.
* HAIPHONG	TAESANG	THURSDAY, Dec. 24, Daylight.
* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	YATSHING	THURSDAY, Dec. 24, at Noon.
* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	FOOSHING	THURSDAY, Dec. 24, at 3 p.m.
* MANILA	YUENSANG	MONDAY, Dec. 28, at 3 p.m.
* SHANGHAI	CHUENSANG	TUESDAY, Dec. 29, Daylight.
* MANILA	LOONGSANG	SATURDAY, Jan. 2, at 3 p.m.
* KOBE	FAUSANG	SUNDAY, Jan. 3, Daylight.
* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	NAMSANG	TUESDAY, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

THE steamers 'Kueiwei', 'Namsang' & 'Fookang' leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Japan returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. Time occupied 20 days. This service is supplemented by the 'Yuehsing', 'Kueiwei', and 'Fookang' leaving Hongkong at regular intervals for Yokohama, Kobe & Moji and returning thence direct to Hongkong. Time occupied 16 days.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A daily qualified Surgeon is also carried.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Cheloo, Tientsin, Dairen, Weihaiwei & Tsingtao.

Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Koda, Lahad Datt, Singapore, Tawau, Usukan, Jesselton and Labuan.

For Freight or Passage, apply to Telephone No. 215.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

NEW SERVICE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN

YOKOHAMA, KOBE, HONGKONG & RANGOON.

Steamers are despatched EASTWARD and WESTWARD at regular intervals taking Passengers and Cargo at Current Rates.

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Telephone No. 215.

THE ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

'SHIRE' LINE SERVICE—HOMEWARD.

For	Steamers	Date of Departure
LONDON	'MERIONETHSHIRE'	29th December.
LONDON	'RADNORSHIRE'	21st January.

TRANS-PACIFIC 'SHIRE' AND 'GLEN' JOINT SERVICE.

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE, TACOMA & PORTLAND. 'GLENGLYDE' 16th January.

For freight and further particulars, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., AGENTS.

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Steamers are despatched EASTWARD and WESTWARD at regular intervals taking Passengers and Cargo at Current Rates.

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SHIPPING



STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, COLUMBO, EGYPT, MEDITER, RANEAU PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, VIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship 'NAGOYA', Captain W. H. SWENY, R.N.R. carrying His Majesty's Mails will be despatched from this port for LONDON, on FRIDAY, the 1st January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's Steamship 'Mores' from Colombo. Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured at departure from Hongkong.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWITT, Superintendant.

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1914.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE S.S. 'FATHAN'.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of Holt's Wharf at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 16th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 16th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1914. 1915

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM EUROPE COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE S.S. 'Radnorshire' having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of Holt's Wharf at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 28th December, at 6 p.m. will be subject to rent. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented within 14 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. Agents.

Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1914. 1915

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO.

IN WHICH ARE VESTED THE SHARES OF THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

and THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1913, £23,622,185.

I—Authorized Capital £8,000,000

Subscribed Capital £4,500,000

Paid up Capital £2,437,500

II—Fire Funds £8,890,114

III—Life & Annuity Funds £1,136,180

Sinking Fund Account £8,513

£23,622,185

Revenue Fire Branch £2,567,158

Life and Annuity £1,973,269

Branches £232,692

Other Receipts £30,135

£23,622,185

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are not aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

SHERMAN, TOMES & CO. Agents.

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SHIPPING

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES & LONDON

TAKEH PASSENGERS ALSO FOR
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, &c.
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Connecting Steamer	Leaves Yokohama	Leaves Shanghai	Leaves Hongkong	Connecting Steamer	Due at Marseilles	Due at London
Dec 17	NAGOYA	Dec 23	Jan 1	ONEIDA	Jan 30	Feb 5
Jan 4	SUBI	Jan 10	Jan 18	MALAYA	Feb 13	Feb 19
Jan 18	ORIENTAL	Feb 23	Mar 1	MALAYA	Mar 13	Mar 19
Mar 1	SARDINIA	Mar 7	Mar 15	MALAYA	Mar 27	Apr 2
Mar 29	ORIENTAL	Apr 4	Apr 12	MALAYA	Apr 10	Apr 16
Apr 12	SARDINIA	Apr 18	Apr 26	MALAYA	Apr 24	Apr 30
May 10	NAGAYA	May 16	May 24	MALAYA	May 14	May 20
				MALAYA	May 22	May 28
				MALAYA	May 30	June 5
				MALAYA	June 10	June 16

THE ATTENTION OF Passengers is drawn to the Accelerated Arrival of the Mail Steamers at Marseilles, Plymouth & London. These vessels will now arrive in Marseilles on Friday & London on the following Friday.

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO.
Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.

FARES TO LONDON AND MARSEILLES

The Fares to London and Marseilles are as follows:

1st SALOON	"A"	Accommodation	SINGLE	RETURN	2nd SALOON	"B"	Accommodation	SINGLE	RETURN
1st SALOON	"A"	Accommodation	SINGLE	285.	2nd SALOON	"B"	Accommodation	SINGLE	285.
2nd SALOON	"B"	Accommodation	SINGLE	285.	2nd SALOON	"B"	Accommodation	SINGLE	285.
2nd SALOON	"B"	Accommodation	SINGLE	285.	2nd SALOON	"B"	Accommodation	SINGLE	285.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS

INTERMEDIATE (Non-Transit) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR:

LONDON

CARRYING 1st and 2nd SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS:

STEAMERS	Leaves Yokohama	Leaves Shanghai	Leaves Hongkong	Leaves Suez	Leaves Marseilles	Leaves London
NAGOYA	Dec 17	Dec 23	Jan 1	Jan 8	Feb 5	Feb 11
NANKIN	Jan 4	Jan 10	Jan 18	Jan 25	Mar 2	Mar 8
ORIENTAL	Jan 18	Jan 24	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 21
TAMOR	Mar 2	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 5
NORE	Mar 19	Mar 25	Apr 1	Apr 8	Apr 15	Apr 21
NELLORE	Apr 12	Apr 18	Apr 25	May 2	May 9	May 15
NAGOYA	May 10	May 16	May 24	May 31	June 7	June 13

These Steamers call also at PORT SWETENHAM, PENANG, and COLOMBO.

1st SALOON £30 SINGLE: £25 RETURN.

2nd SALOON £20 SINGLE: £15 RETURN.

FARES TO MARSEILLES:

1st SALOON £48 Single.

2nd SALOON £33 Single.

All Passenger Steamers are fitted with the Marconi System of Wireless Telegraphy.

THE ABOVE RATES ARE SUBJECT TO A SURTAX OF 10%.

For further particulars apply to

E. A. HEWITT,

Superintendent.

Telephone No. 228.

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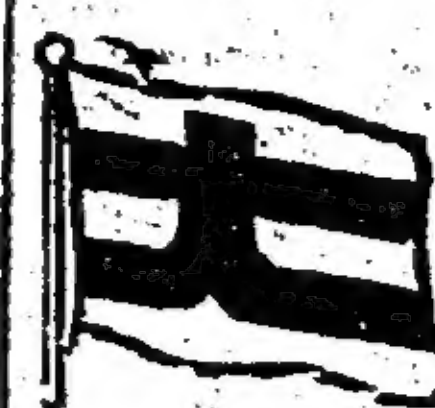
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SHIPPING

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICE, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)



THE AMERICAN LINE TO TACOMA AND SEATTLE

In connection with
THE CHICAGO MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL
RAILWAY

FOR VICTORIA AND TACOMA
VIA KEELUNG, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,
YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA.

S.S. "CHICAGO MARU" Capt. K. Hori... Thursday, 24th Dec. at 3 p.m.

S.S. "CANADA MARU" Capt. H. Yamamoto... Wednesday, 23rd Dec. at 3 p.m.

These Newly-Built Steamers of American Line have fair speed and are fitted with the Wireless Apparatus. Best adapted for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels.

For BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, PORT SWETENHAM, PENANG AND COLOMBO.

S.S. "LUZON MARU" Capt. T. Miyata... Wednesday, 30th Dec. a.m.

For FOCHOOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

S.S. "KAJO MARU" Capt. Y. Yamamoto... Saturday, 2nd Jan. at Noon.

For TAMSUI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

S.S. "DALIN MARU" Capt. K. Murakami... Sunday, 27th Dec. at 10 a.m.

S.S. "DAIGI MARU" Capt. S. Tokushige... Sunday, 3rd Jan. at 10 a.m.

For ANPING AND TAKOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

S.S. "SOSHU MARU" Capt. K. Hori... Sunday, 3rd Jan. at 10 a.m.

These Steamers of Coast and Formosa Line have excellent accommodation for first class passengers and are fitted with Electric Light and Fans. These Steamers will arrive at and depart from the Soon Yip Wharf near the Harbour Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, APPLY TO:-

Y. ASAI, Manager.

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